



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Verification of Residence Status (Seasonal Residence) (H-25)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT SEASONAL RESIDENCE

- The Department of Commerce's U.S. Census Bureau uses these data to produce American Community Survey information for small geographic areas each year, a primary advantage of the new survey.
- Businesses use these data to forecast demand for products and services and to adjust their inventory or services accordingly.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEASONAL RESIDENCE DATA

- Intercensal Estimates of Population and Population Characteristics Program

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

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a. Do you or any member of this household live or stay at this address year round?

☐ Yes → *SKIP to the questions for Person 1 on the next page*

☐ No

b. How many months a year do members of this household stay at this address?

Months

c. What is the main reason members of this household are staying at this address?

☐ This is their permanent address

☐ This is their seasonal or vacation address

☐ To be close to work

☐ To attend school or college

☐ Looking for permanent housing

☐ Other reason(s)– *Specify*

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HISTORY OF SEASONAL RESIDENCE QUESTION

- The question on seasonal residence has been asked on the American Community Survey since 1996.
- The question was not asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The verification of residence status—or seasonal residence—question ensures that the Census Bureau's annual population estimates properly represent people who have several residences during the year.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

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